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**Office Action Summary**

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Applicant(s)

PAVLEY ET AL.

Examiner

Steven P. Sax

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**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 4/11/06.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 2-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 2-12 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 14-18 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                        | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)                     |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)    | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____  |
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### DETAILED ACTION

1. This application has been examined. The amendment filed 4/11/06 has been entered.

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claim 13 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ogawa (6072479) in view of Itoh (5966122).

4. Regarding claim 13, see Ogawa: Note the method for editing heterogeneous media objects in the digital imaging device - the representation of each is displayed on the screen (Abstract, Figures 2, 7, 12, see also Figure 5 for example, column 8 lines 1-50), enabling a user to randomly select a particular media object of the slide show to edit (column 2 lines 40-68, column 3 lines 20-68). User input may be by mouse or key strokes, and specialized editing screens are invoked for each media type, and each editing screen operates in a similar fashion and has discrete cursor locations (column 4

lines 29-68, column 5 lines 15-60). Although Ogawa does show the distinguishing of the media types, the specific details of the editing are limited, and also note Ogawa does not necessarily show the handheld feature. But the distinguishing in Ogawa is done for efficient and easy to use media editing. Furthermore, see Itoh (Figures 3, 4, column 2 lines 45-65, column 3 lines 1-28, column 6 lines 30-65, column 7 lines 35-60, column 9 lines 30-62). Note the specific details of distinguishing the screens for different editing features and object types in a media editing system. Note also the device is handheld (Figure 2, column 8 lines 1-15 and 35-45). It would have been obvious to a person with ordinary skill in the art to incorporate this in the media editing system of Ogawa (and thus have the editing done on a handheld device), because it would provide convenient and easy to use media editing in a media editing system that edits and differentiates between different media types using various screens.

5. Claims 14-18 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. These bring out the specialized editing screens which in combination with all the features are not set forth in the prior art of record.

6. Claims 1-12 are allowable over the prior art of record. These bring out the specialized editing screens which in combination with all the features are not set forth in the prior art of record.

7. Applicant's arguments filed 4/11/06 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. The citations listed above show the features of claim 13. Added citations show specifically the handheld editing features (column 8 lines 1-15 and 35-45) for example). Note that the Office Action is not stating that either of the references shows all the features of claim 13, but rather that the combination of both references renders the claim 13 rejected under U.S.C. 103. Ogawa's system may in fact be used with slide shows. It is true that Ogawa does not go into the detailed portable editing features, but Itoh remedies this as explained above. Applicant is invited to contact Examiner to discuss claim interpretation and the art.

8. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).


A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Steven P. Sax whose telephone number is (571) 272-4072. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday, 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kristine Kincaid can be reached on (571) 272-4063. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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